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SUBJECT: OPENING OF IZMIR INTERNATIONAL FAIR

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1. THE 47TH IZMIR INTERNATIONAL FAIR OPENED AUGUST 20 WITH SPEECHES BY IZMIR MAYOR IHSAN ALYANAK AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE TEOMAN KPRULULER. CON GEN OFFICERS NOTED THE CONTRAST BETWEEN LAST YEAR'S RELATIVELY LOW-KEY OPENING AND THIS YEAR'S EVENT, WHICH WAS CHARACTERIZED BY TIGHT SECURITY, A MUCH LARGER NUMBER OF TURKISH DIGNITARIES, AND A POLITICAL RALLY TYPE

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ATMOSPHERE.

2. NINE TURKISH CABINET MINISTERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE, INCLUDING, IN ADDITION TO KOPRULULER, TWO MINISTERS OF STATE AND THE MINISTERS OF TOURISM, YOUTH AND SPORT, CULTURE, INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY, JUSTICE, AND CUSTOMS AND MONOPOLIES. THE BULGARIAN MINISTER OF  
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FOREIGN TRADE WAS ALSO PRESENT, BUT THE SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER - ABOUT WHOSE ATTENDANCE THERE HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION- WAS ABSENT.

3. TWENTY- NINE FOREIGN COUNTRIES PLUS THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS, THE REGIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION OF THE CENTO COUNTRIES, AND THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION ARE TAKING

PART IN THIS YEAR'S FAIR. INDONESIA, THE PHILIPPINES,  
AND SYRIA DROPPED OUT IN THE FINAL WEEKS BEFORE THE  
OPENING.

4. MAYOR ALYANAK GAVE A TYPICALLY PARTISAN SPEECH  
EXTOLLING THE VIRTUES OF THE RPP AND THE PROGRESS  
IZMIR HAS MADE DURING THE FIVE YEARS OF HIS ADMINISTRA-  
TION. COMMERCE MINISTER KOPRULULER OUTLINED "RECENT

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DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WORLD AND TURKISH ECONOMY,"  
EMPHASIZING THE SUCCESS WHICH THE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT HAS  
ACHIEVED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR IN ATTACKING  
THE NATION'S ECONOMIC ILLS. A CHEERING SECTION FROM  
THE TARIS AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE SHOUTED "POPULIST  
ECEVIT" AND OTHER PRO-RPP SLOGANS DURING THE SPEECHES.  
5. COMMENT. THE LARGE TURN-OUT OF CABINET MINISTERS  
AND THE PARTISAN NATURE OF THE SPEECHES SEEMED AIMED  
AT BOLSTERING THE GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC IMAGE, BUT  
APPEARED SOMEWHAT OUT OF KEEPING WITH BOTH THE  
ENTERTAINMENT AND COMMERCIAL ASPECTS OF THE FAIR. THE  
PRESENCE OF A PRO-RPP CHEERING SECTION FROM TARIS  
PROVIDES FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THE COOPERATIVE HAS  
SWUNG FROM RIGHT TO LEFT SINCE THE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT  
TOOK OFFICE LAST JANUARY.  
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